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SUBJECT: VISIT OF INDONESIAN PARLIAMENTARY

DELEGATION TO MOSCOW, WARSAW AND BUCHAREST

SUMMARY: AN EIGHT- MAN DELEGATION OF INDONESIAN PARLIAMENTAR-
IANS WILL LEAVE JAKARTA MAY 21 FOR A THREE- WEEK VISIT TO THE
SOVIET UNION, POLAND AND RUMANIA. THE VISIT TO THE SOVIET
UNION IS IN RESPONSE TO A LONG OUTSTANDING SOVIET INVITATION,
AND MAY BE A SIGN THAT THE GOI IS NOW WILLING TO ACCEPT MORE
CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW. THE FOLLOWING IS DRAWN FROM
PRESS REPORTS. END SUMMARY

1. THE PARLIAMENTARY GROUP WILL BE LED BY POLICE BRIGADIER
GENERAL DOMO PRANOTO WHO IS THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE
PARLIAMENT AND APPOINTED MEMBER REPRESENTING THE ARMED
FORCES. THE OTHER MEMBERS, IDENTIFIED BY THEIR POLITICAL
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AFFILIATION, INCLUDE SUKIJAT, SAMIONO, MARTONO, REPRESENTING GOLKAR (THE GOVERNMENT- SPONSORED ASSOCIATION OF FUNCTIONAL GROUP REPRESENTATIVES WHICH TOGETHER WITH THE ARMED FORCES GROUP DOMINATES THE PARLIAMENT); MASJHUR, UNITY DEVELOPMENT PARTY (ISLAMIC GROUPS); SOEDIROATMODJO, AND ISJAK MORO, INDONESIA DEMOCRACY PARTY (SECULAR NATIONALIST/ PROTESTANT GROUPS).

2. DELEGATION LEADER PRANOTO TOLD JOURNALISTS AFTER HE AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GROUP MET WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO MAY 17 THAT SUHARTO HAD INSTRUCTED THEM TO SEEK WAYS FOR IMPROVING RELATIONS BETWEEN INDONESIA AND THE SOCIALIST NATIONS AND TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES OF RECEIVING DEVELOPMENT AID FROM THEM.

3. PRANOTO SAID LATER AT A RECEPTION FOR THE GROUP HOSTED BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR KUZNETSOV ON THE EVENING OF MAY 17 THAT ALTHOUGH THERE WERE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE SOVIET AND INDONESIAN POLITICAL SYSTEMS, THESE SHOULD NOT BE OBSTACLES TO COMMON ENDEAVORS TO CREATE PEACE. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE VISIT WOULD STRENGTHEN EXISTING FRIENDLY SOVIET-INDONESIAN RELATIONS. AMBASSADOR KUZNETSOV SAID THE VISIT WOULD TOJNTRIBUTE POSITIVELY TO EFFORTS TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

4. THE GROUP WILL VISIT THE SOVIET UNION FOR TEN DAYS AND WILL THEN SPEND APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN DAYS IN WARSAW AND BUCHAREST.

5. COMMENT: THIS VISIT REPRESENTS THE FIRST BY AN INDONESIAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP, AND THE HIGHEST LEVEL INDONESIAN GROUP TO VISIT THE SOVIET UNION SINCE THE ABORTIVE COUP BY THE INDONESIAN COMMUNIST PARTY IN 1965 WHICH RESULTED IN THE SUSPENSION OF SOVIET AID AND STRAINED MOSCOW- JAKARTA RELATIONS. THE VISIT IS IN RESPONSE TO AN INVITATIONTHE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN EAGERLY PRESSING FOR SEVERAL YEARS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MOSCOW HAD HOPED TO HOST A MUCH LARGER DELEGATION WHEN THE INVITATION WAS ORIGINALLY ADVANCED BUT THAT THE INDONESIANS OBJECTED. THE GOI HAS TENDED TO COLD- SHOULDER MOSCOW' S EFFORTS IN RECENT YEARS TO WARM UP RELATIONS AND THE DECISION TO CONFIDENTIAL

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FINALLY ACCEPT THE SOVIET INVITATION FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY VISIT MAY BE A SIGNAL THAT IT IS NOW WILLING TO ACCEPT MORE CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW. THIS WOULD BE A LOGICAL MOVE FOR THE GOI AT THIS TIME, IN VIEW OF PEKING' S GROWING DIPLOMATIC PROMINENCE IN THE WORLD AND THE LIKELIHOOD OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BEING ESTABLISHED OR NORMALIZED BETWEEN CHINA AND THE ASEAN NATIONS

IN THE RELATIVELY NEAR FUTURE.

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